

REMARKS

Prior to a first examination, please enter the foregoing amendments. A first examination of this case is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-36 originally within the parent patent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/618,489, have been canceled. Claims 37-76 have been added. Claims 37-76 remain in the patent application. Applicant believes that no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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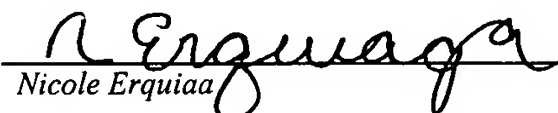
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